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#### ARMENIAN TOWNS ARE RUINED BY STARVATION

LONDON, July 2. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—I have seen towns where there were 7,000 refugees living 1,000 of them monthly through starvation. I have seen a town 30 miles from the railroad reduced by starvation to a population of 4,000 to 2,000 in 10 days.

That is what is happening in Armenia, according to Lieut. Melville Chater, of the American Red Cross, who has arrived in London after an extensive tour of the near east. Conditions there, he told the Associated Press representative, are simply appalling. The people are in rags. Disease, no less than starvation, is taking a heavy toll, and it is difficult to check its spread because there are no medicines or disinfectants to be had. The people will have to be fed by outsiders, he said, until the harvest which follows the next autumn.

The new Armenian state, known as the republic of Erivan, is a country so desolated by the Turks, the Red Cross officer stated, that it does not possess even any seed grain.

"During the war," he said, "the Turks made systematic attempts to destroy the Armenian people. They forced their way through Armenia with the intention of joining forces with the Turks to the north, massacring and committing widespread depredations as they marched. On their way back they swept Armenia clean, for the Armenians at the time of the armistice had only 25,000 soldiers in the field. The Turks wantonly destroyed everything in their path. The result is that the Armenian republic has no cattle, seed grain, flour—nothing at all to eat."

The American committee for relief in the near east is making every effort, according to Lieut. Chater, to succor the starving Armenians. From Feb. 8 to April 1, with the aid of the American Red Cross, it put into the country 5,600 tons of flour. Distribution is a difficult problem. Food is carried to interior points by native bullock carts.

While the Erivan republic is starving, its neighbor, Georgia, is thriving. Throughout the country, Lieut. Chater said, he saw fine grazing lands and large herds and flocks. The Georgians were not molested by the Turks, and the country has had to deal with few Armenian refugees, except those at Tiflis, to which city Turkish Armenians had fled since 1915. Tens of thousands

#### OBJECTORS TO SERVICE RELEASED IN ENGLAND

LONDON, July 4. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Conscientious objectors in increasing numbers are being released from English prisons, but there are still about 500 Quakers and other objectors to military service who are working out hard-labor sentences.

More than 450 have been set free since April 8, when a war office measure governing the release of objectors became effective. The order applies only to those who have served sentences aggregating in length two or more years. Among those given their liberty this month were Fenner Brockway, formerly editor of the Labor Leader; Walter Ayles, of Bristol, a member of the executive committee of the independent labor party; and other leaders of the "no-conscription" movement.

Altogether 6,135 men have resisted the British military service acts and 5,386 of them have been court-martialed. Since the armistice 240 men have been tried by military courts. Sixty-three objectors have died since being arrested, nine while in prison.

From the beginning of conscription there has been considerable agitation in the press and elsewhere against the measures taken to punish conscientious objectors. With the signing of the armistice the friends and supporters of the "C. O.'s," as the conscientious objectors are referred to in English newspapers, became unusually active, and their efforts to persuade the government to release the prisoners have been unflagging.

They contend that hostility to continued conscription is rapidly gaining ground and that the imprisoned "martyrs of opinion" evoke more sympathy than anger.

One of the most prominent of the Quakers serving a prison sentence is E. D. Ludlam, who is well known for his researches in chemistry. The argument advanced for still keeping the C. O.'s confined is that if they were released now they would be given an unfair advantage in the matter of obtaining employment over the men who are unable yet to secure demobilization from the army.

#### New Picture of Ex-Crown Prince And House Where He Is Interned



Ex-Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm in thoughtful mood, and house on Dutch island of Wieringen in which he is interned.

#### AMERICAN FOODSTUFFS GO TO EVERY COUNTRY

TIGIANI, Isle of Samos, Aegean Sea, June 25. (By Mail.)—No matter at what time of the year one's ship touches here, the foodstuffs have been unloaded. Here in the ancient home of Pythagoras, the town which once rivalled ancient Athens, there are thousands of refugees driven from Asia Minor during the war by the Turks with American flour and fish from the Turkish coast their principal means of existence.

Duck-like Turkish caigues rush out to the American food ships which anchor here at intervals and unload the flour which is distributed to the refugees back into the interior of the island. Both Tigiani and Vathy, the latter the principal port of the island of Samos, are now well supplied with American staple foods.

American Red Cross representatives, working under the direction of Lieut. Col. Henry W. Anderson, of Richmond, Va., see that the flour is equitably distributed. Other Red Cross field workers perform a like service on the island of Nisakia.

The inhabitants of Patmos, Leros and Lipsos, Greek islands seized a few years ago by the Turks, have been returned to Greece. Leros boasts that its inhabitants are direct descendants of the ancient Greeks. The island has changed little from ancient times and the natives are famous for their classic beauty. The island of Samos receives special consideration in the matter of American food for about 10,000 Greek refugees from Smyrna and Asia Minor, driven out by the Turks have been living in distress on the island during the war.

With their native mastic wine, figs, nuts, figs, fresh fish and American food the natives of Samos are now faring no badly.

Many American soldiers of Greek parentage are now visiting the Greek islands after having fought in France. Red Cross girls recently distributing food to refugees were greeted by a group of American soldiers.

"What are you Americans doing on this far-off island?" the girls inquired in astonishment.

"Oh, we've finished up our work along the Rhine," one American Greek replied, "and now we've come back to the homes of our fathers."

#### ALABAMA WOMAN GETS FRENCH WAR CROSS

PARIS, July 4.—The French war cross has been conferred upon Mrs. Cecile Crank Hadden, of Montgomery, Ala. The station says Mrs. Hadden came to France as a volunteer and was in the ambulance service of the American Red Cross from August, 1914, to the end of the war, and has shown unflinching devotion.

"In the call for volunteers to go to Georgia," she says, "during the advance of the enemy in the spring of 1918, she spontaneously offered her services and worked day and night under a continual bombardment of bombs and shrapnel, giving her care and her devotion to a very great number of French soldiers."

#### NEW ZEALAND GIVES MAORIS GRAND FEAST

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, July 4. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The battalion of Maoris, New Zealand aborigines, who fought in the Gallipoli campaign and afterward in France, has been welcomed home with a great feast, haka (war dances) and tangi, or lament for those who fell in battle.

The acting prime minister, Sir James Allen, told them: "You Maoris hold a proud position. You have not one conscript." From the time of its formation early in the war the Maori battalion was maintained at a strength of 1,500 entirely by voluntary enlistment.

Great quantities of mutton, beef, pork and other food had been baked in earthen ovens for the occasion. About 2,000 Maoris in all shared in this feast. There were several poi (a native delicacy) dances.

The tangi was a scene of much emotion. The soldiers of the battalion, led by their chiefs, the mourners grieved with low, wailing chants for those who fell for the welcome. There were jade ornaments, mats, chiefs' head-dresses and beautiful kites. The chiefs of the various tribes delivered speeches of welcome couched in florid South Sea language, after which there was a haka by the famous Arawa tribe and the speech of welcome by Sir James Allen.

#### ROMAN HORSES DON'T YIELD TO AUTOMOBILES

ROME, July 4.—The horse here has not vacated his position to make room for the automobile. There are still thousands of horse-drawn cabs operating in Rome while there is not a single taxicab.

Two reasons are given for this equine superiority. First, there are 3,000 cab drivers in Rome, according to the municipal statistics. These exercise a considerable influence in the municipal elections of Rome, and as a consequence no motor vehicle concessions are granted. The politicians know that in order to retain these 3,000 votes they must be faithful to the horse and an enemy to the "filver."

Besides the supply of gasoline in Italy is not large and to insure enough for the military needs, it was found absolutely necessary to discourage as much private motor vehicular traffic as possible.

#### OFFICIAL HUN TRAIN CARRIES VAST FORTUNE

BRUSSELS, July 4.—The official train from Germany which transported to Brussels 200,000 marks in gold carried also 100,000 marks in 1,000-mark bank notes. Most of these are to be exchanged against their equivalent in bank notes of 50, 20, 10 and 5-mark denominations out of the seven milliards of marks of German money stored in the vaults of the Belgian National bank.

The exchange is made in response to a demand from the Reichsbank, which lacks bank notes of small amounts. The train which arrived with the

#### ARMENIANS SHOULD AID TRANS-CAUCASUS WORK

LONDON, July 4. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Relief work in Trans-Caucasus, where there has been untold suffering, should be taken from hands of the Armenians as far as possible and wealthy Armenians, of whom there are many, should be compelled to bear some of the financial burden. The opinion of an American observer, who has submitted a report to official quarters in London. He does not attempt to belittle what the Armenians have suffered and will suffer, but suggests that Armenians who are in a position to help their countrymen have depended too much on relief from America.

In Tiflis and in the Erivan republic Armenians themselves would prefer that Americans handle all relief work, but the report adds, that is impossible with the number of Armenians in that section of the world. The relief committee has been compelled to employ many Armenians.

The report indicates that the Armenians and Georgians of influence are interested in intensifying themselves before the final peace decisions than in looking after relief. An instance is given of this in respect to railway equipment. Georgians paid out for appropriate them and the Armenians retaliate in the same manner. As far as actual ownership is concerned, neither had a right to the cars in the first place, as they belonged to Russian railroads.

#### CENSORS PUT BAN ON "MAID OF ORLEANS" PLAY

BERLIN, July 4.—The actors of the municipal theater at Dortmund refused to play the management to remove Schiller's "Maid of Orleans" and Kiel's "Prince of Homburg" from the theater's repertoire, on the ground that "the nonconformity of these plays with the spirit of the age is an insult for modern theatergoers and further because actors can not be called upon to play roles whose intellectual content is in opposition with the actors' own views."

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